

**SIDLEY & AUSTIN**  
A PARTNERSHIP INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL CORPORATIONS

717 NORTH HARWOOD  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201  
TELEPHONE 214 981 3300  
FACSIMILE 214 981 3400

WASHINGTON, D.C.

LONDON

SINGAPORE

TOKYO

FOUNDED 1866

CHICAGO  
LOS ANGELES  
NEW YORK

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER  
(214) 981-3328

February 23, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for  
Patents  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, D.C. 20231

"Express Mail" mailing label  
number EL081817830US

Date of Deposit February 23, 1999

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the dated indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on

Derrick T. Gordon

(Typed or printed name of person mailing paper or fee)

*Derrick T. Gordon*  
(Signature of person mailing paper or fee)

February 23, 1999  
Date of Signature

Re: U.S. Patent Application  
AN IMAGE SEARCHING SYSTEM AND IMAGE SEARCHING  
METHOD, AND A RECORDING MEDIUM STORING AN IMAGE  
SEARCHING PROGRAM  
By: Sumiyo TANAKA  
Attorney Docket: 15162/00200

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers relating to  
AN IMAGE SEARCHING SYSTEM AND IMAGE SEARCHING METHOD, AND A  
RECORDING MEDIUM STORING AN IMAGE SEARCHING PROGRAM, Sumiyo  
TANAKA, inventor:

- (1) Specification;
- (2) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;

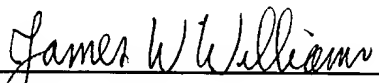
Assistant Commissioner for  
Patents  
February 23, 1999  
Page 2

- (3) Formal Drawings (9 sheets);
- (4) Certified Copy of Priority Document;
- (5) Assignment with recordation sheet;
- (6) Information Disclosure Statement, along with Form 1449 and copies of references;
- (7) Check in the amount of \$1408.00 to cover the filing fee of the application; and
- (8) Check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the assignment recordation fee.

In the event the attached checks in the amounts of \$1408.00 and \$40.00 are not received with this correspondence, are not sufficient, or in the event additional fees are due, please charge the required fees (other than issue fee) during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

All correspondence is to be directed to the Applicant's attorney at the Dallas address listed above.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
James W. Williams  
Registration No. 20,047  
Attorney for Applicant

JWW/skp  
Enclosures